

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

Held at YMCA, St. Louis, Mo. - November 6th, 1954

A meeting for worship was held at 2 PM.

The business meeting started at 2:30 with the reading and approval of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of August 12, 1954.

Roll Call: Clear Creek Monthly Meeting: Albert & Martha Mills . . . Present
Robert & Audre Whitney. . . Absent
Walter & Mary Griffith. . . Absent

Peoria Monthly Meeting: Not represented

Urbana-Champaign Monthly Mtg: Rachel Weller . . . Present
Marian Freeman. . . Present

St. Louis Monthly Meeting: Represented by the following:
Walter Bauer Marvin Fridley
Phoebe Anderson Theodore Wood
Dorothy Anderson Catherine Jansen
Verna Wood Keith Reeder
Suzanne Potter Gertrude Oldendorph
Orland Kolling Mary Curlee
Josephine Lockwood Gertrude Wood
Edward Wood

Reports of State of Society

Robert Whitney had prepared a report for Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, which was read by the Minute Clerk (copy attached). Approval was expressed, and in response to inquiries Martha Mills gave more details of the annual Smorgasbord and the projects it will pay for.

The Harkers had sent a note to the effect that Peoria Monthly Meeting had not been able to hold a Meeting for Worship since May. The next one is scheduled for November. (Copy of report attached).

The report of the St. Louis Monthly Meeting was prepared by Gertrude Wood and read by her. (Copy attached).

The Urbana-Champaign report was read by Marian Freeman (Copy attached.)

Yearly Meeting Budget:

In the absence of the Finance Chairman, the Treasurer was asked to make a report on the Yearly Meeting budget. Martha Mills read the Yearly Meeting Budget, and the recommended allocation among the various quarterly meetings. It was the sense of the meeting that Blue River Quarterly Meeting accept this, and make the same payment as last year -- \$691.25. Listed below are the amounts each Monthly Meeting is expected to contribute to Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting quota is 5% of the Yearly Meeting contribution:

Table with 3 columns: Monthly Meeting, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting. Rows include Clear Creek, Peoria, St. Louis, Urbana-Champaign, and totals for Yearly Meeting (\$691.25) and Quarterly Meeting (\$34.75).

Alvin Fawcett bequest and Hoopston fund:

Albert Mills, as a member of the committee having custody of these funds, brought up the question of our use of the interest. Last year this was given to the AFSC, the the original purpose of the funds was to help Friends in need. It was recommended that the Monthly Meetings bear in mind that approximately \$26.00 - \$28.00 interest per year is available for this purpose.

Quarterly Meeting Budget:

The following tentative budget was set up, to be submitted to the February meeting for approval:

Friends Intelligencer Associates . . . . .	\$10.00
Postage . . . . .	5.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses (Speakers Etc..	45.00
Clerk's Traveling Expense . . . . .	15.00
	<u>\$75.00</u>

Organization of Friends General Conference:

The Clerk mentioned that some Friends are not too familiar with the structure and work of the Friends General Conference. Verna Wood gave a complete and helpful report on the history of the Confernece, its various committees, and showed how the Conference works. The spiritual value of the Meeting for Worship has always been its basic concern, and it is proving increasingly useful to small groups gathered from many backgrounds, who are united in the conviction that the responsibilities of the meeting should be shouldered by all.

February Quarterly Meeting will be held in Urbana-Champaign on February 5, 1955.

The Meeting for Business adjourned with a short period of silent worship.

After a short period of fellowship a discussion was led by Suzanne Potter and Walter Bauer on deepening the spiritual life of the Meeting. Membets freely and gladly shared means they had found helpful in preparing for worship, and Friends felt refreshed and strengthened at its close.

Dinner was served by the "Y", and in the evening we were very fortunate to hear Dean Adele Starbird of Washington University talk on books of spiritual help.

Edward Wood, Clerk

Mary Curlee, Minute Clerk